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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed February 20, 2004. This Amendment

accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) pursuant to MPEP 706.07(h), II

Submission Requirement. A Notice of Appeal was filed in this application on August 20, 2004.

Pursuant to MPEP 706.07(h), X After Appeal But Before Decision by the Board, attorney for

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Applicants understand that the accompanying RCE "will be treated as a request to withdraw the appeal and to reopen prosecution of the application before the Examiner."

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the following Amendment and Applicants' Remarks.

Prior to the entry of the requested claim amendments of this Amendment, claims 1-11, 15, 17, 19, 22, 23, 27-30, 33-36, 39, 43-45, 47 and 49-66 are pending. And of these, claims 17, 19, 22, 23, 27-30, 33-36, 39 and 61-66 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1 and 49 relate to an in vitro method of transdifferentiating epidermal basal cells. Claims 2-11 and 15 depend from claim 1, and claims 50-60 depend from claim 49. Claims 43-45 and 47 relate to a kit for in vitro transdifferentiating epidermal basal cells.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.